



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111), an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer, will be commissioned in our fair city of Key West, Florida on 1 October 2011, at sunset, on the Outer Mole Pier; and

WHEREAS, the ship's namesake, Admiral Raymond Spruance was famous as the Fleet Carrier Group Commander who victoriously led naval air forces during the Battle of Midway which was considered the turning point of the war with Japan in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the ship's motto "Launch the Attack" is the succinct but powerful order Admiral Spruance issued to his staff when the first of four Japanese aircraft carriers were located on the morning of the Battle of Midway on 4 June 1942; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111) proudly represent the core values of honor, courage, and commitment of the United States Navy, and will be forever welcome in Key West, the Southernmost City in the Continental United States and home of the Conch Republic,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Cates, Mayor of the City of Key West, do hereby salute and commend the officers and crew of the USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111) and congratulate them on the Commissioning of the Navy's newest and most advanced destroyer. I extend to them our wholehearted support and appreciation for all that they endeavor and do
hereby proclaim

September 24 through October 1, 2011 as

USS SPRUANCE (DDG 111) Week

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States" I would like to urge all citizens, residents and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in the observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 6th day of September 2011.

Craig Cates, MAYOR